



NEWSLETTER 1 – 25th September 2026

‘Let your light shine’

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DIARY DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	ADDITIONAL INFO
Monday 28th September	Dormouse Phonics Meeting	3.30pm (Dormouse Classroom)
Wednesday 30th September	Fox Class Field Trip to Bowood	
Friday 2nd October	Squirrel Class to Stonehenge	All Day Event
Thursday 8th October	Individual School Photos	8.30am onwards (School Hall) Please see below for further details
Friday 9th October	FODHS AGM	9.15am (School Hall) Please see below for further details
Monday 12 & Tuesday 13th Thursday 15th & Friday 16th Monday 19th & Wednesday 21st October	Owl Class Bikeability	
Tuesday 20th October	Owl Family Learning Afternoon	2pm (Hall)
Wednesday 21st October	Wear it Pink Day	To raise awareness for Breast Cancer Now
Wednesday 21st October	End of Term 1	3.15pm
Monday 2nd November	Start of Term 2	8.45am

FODHS AGM- 9.15am Friday 9th October

Please come along and support our wonderful school fundraising committee at their AGM (Annual General Meeting) in the school hall.
We need a minimum of 35 people for the AGM to go ahead.

Thank you

Individual School Photos

Braiswick will be in school on Thursday 8th October to take individual school photos.
If you have pre-school children who you would like photographed with their siblings please arrive at school by 8.30am at the school Hall.



Wear it Pink

Wear It Pink is an annual fundraising event held in October to support breast cancer awareness and research.
On Wednesday 21st October we will be wearing pink to raise awareness for everyone who is affected by breast cancer.
Payment for a donation will be set up on parentmail nearer the time.



Outdoor Shoes & Coat!

As the weather is starting to change could we please remind you that all children need to have a pair of wellies and a raincoat for playtimes, these should be labelled with your child's name.
This is to enable the children to continue to play out on the field even through the winter months. Thank you





DORMOUSE CLASS

DONATION STATION

We are very fortunate to have lots of lovely resources in school, however we are always on the lookout for things to further inspire our children!

We would be extremely grateful if you were able to source/donate any of the following items (we will update this regularly so please keep an eye out!)

SEPT 2026

CARDBOARD TUBES

WE ARE LOOKING FOR LOTS OF CARDBOARD TUBES OF VARYING SIZES IF YOU HAVE ANY AT HOME YOU'D BE WILLING TO DONATE.

THESE WILL BE ADDED TO OUR EVER GROWING CONSTRUCTION COLLECTION.



WOODEN PLANKS



WE ARE LOOKING FOR WOODEN PLANKS PLEASE!

SMALL WORLD: ROADS, RACETRACKS, CONSTRUCTION
EXPRESSIVE ART & DESIGN: IMAGINATIVE PLAY
PHYSICAL: FINE + GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

WHEN PAINTED WE WILL CREATE ROADS



PLASTIC GUTTERING

WE ARE LOOKING FOR LOTS OF PLASTIC GUTTERING OF VARYING SIZES (NOT TOO LONG AS THESE WILL BE BEING USED INSIDE) IF YOU HAVE ANY AT HOME YOU'D BE WILLING TO DONATE.

THESE WILL BE ADDED TO OUR EVER GROWING CONSTRUCTION COLLECTION.



SOCKS

WE ARE QUITE SHORT ON SPARE SOCKS, IF YOU ARE HAVING A CLEAR OUT AT HOME WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THEM.

BABY DOLL ACCESSORIES

WE WOULD LOVE SOME ACCESSORIES FOR BABY DOLLIES, INCLUDING:

- BOTTLES
- DUMMY'S
- UNUSED NAPPIES
- CLOTHING (TO FIT BABY SIZED DOLL(S))

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPARE BABIES THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO DONATE WE WOULD ALSO BE VERY GRATEFUL.



TECHNOLOGY FOCUS

We would love to create a new area in the classroom focussing on technology and the ever evolving world around us. If you have any of the following items at home and are able to donate, we will be forever thankful!



TYPE WRITER

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A TYPEWRITER (DOES NOT NEED TO BE IN WORKING ORDER BUT WOULD BE GREAT IF IT WAS!)

LITERACY: LETTER FORMATION, LETTER RECOGNITION
EXPRESSIVE ART + DESIGN: IMAGINATIVE PLAY
PSOE: PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS, LOGICAL REASONING
PHYSICAL: FINE MOTOR

CD PLAYER

YES WE MAY BE SLIGHTLY MAD FOR SUGGESTING THIS... BUT WE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A CD PLAYER (IN WORKING ORDER). CHILD APPROPRIATE CD'S WOULD BE A BONUS!

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD: TECHNOLOGY, TOYS FROM THE PAST, CULTURAL AWARENESS
EXPRESSIVE ART + DESIGN: MUSIC
PHYSICAL SKILLS: GROSS MOTOR (DANCING/MOVING TO MUSIC), FINE MOTOR



AMAZON WISHLIST

We also have an amazon wishlist. Please do not feel obliged at all to purchase anything from this list but if you would like too we would be extremely grateful.

QR CODE



Uniform

We have noticed some children are attending school in incorrect uniform, please ensure that your child attends in the correct uniform. Whilst we are flexible to the branding of our uniform and do not require the uniform to have the school logo we do expect children to arrive at school in the following:

A grey skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts.

Grey or red school tights (no leggings under skirts)

A white shirt or red or white polo shirt.

A red school sweatshirt or red cardigan.

Black flat school shoes – no trainers or boots.

For PE:

T-shirt and / or plain hoodie in your child's team colour (purple, red, green or blue)

Plain (not branded) black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings.

Jewellery and fancy hair accessories should not be worn for school and long hair should be tied back.

Reminder

Access to the school will be through the main gate (at the front of the school) which will be opened at 8.35am, until then we ask that you remain outside of the school playground. The side gate that enters onto the back of the school from the pathway (at the side of the school) will also be opened from this time for morning drop off.

Thank you for your co-operation



Reminder

We ask that parents use the safeguarding@derryhill.wilts.sch.uk email to email in about any concerns they have about their children.

Thank you for your co-operation

Back to school safely



Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service would like to welcome everyone back to school. We would like to share some safety tips for you to discuss with your child as appropriate.

Enter our prize draw quiz to win a VIP trip to a fire station and other prizes by using what3words to find the firefighters [Find the Firefighter - what3words – Fill in form](#)

Or use this QR code

Travelling to and from school:

In the car or other vehicle:

Always wear your seatbelt.

Do not distract the driver.

Exit the car carefully, especially if you are stepping onto the road.

As the driver, always drive to the road conditions and take extra care around the school area where there could be young children crossing the roads.

Please park considerately to avoid accidents or preventing emergency vehicles getting through.

On your bike or scooter:

Wear your safety gear; helmets, wrist, elbow and knee protectors.

Ride carefully being aware of other road and pavement users.

Use lights as it gets darker in the mornings and evenings.

Make sure your bike or scooter is in a good condition.

Walking:

Cross the roads carefully; remember stop, look, listen and think before you cross.

As the mornings and evenings get darker, wear bright and reflective coats so you can be seen.

Always listen to the adult you are walking with.

If there is help to cross the road such as a crossing patrol, a zebra crossing, traffic lights then use them.

If you are old enough to walk without an adult, remember to take care and never rush to cross the road.

Water and ice:

If you walk near waterways such as rivers or canals, always take care and never walk near the edge, especially if it is muddy and slippery.

Never walk on ice.

Know how to “float” like a star if you ever get in difficulty in water.

At home:

Cooking

If you are old enough to be allowed to cook at home, always take care around the cooker. Never leave the cooking unattended.

Around the cooker should be tidy so things do not fall onto the hot hob.

Never play near the cooker.

Charging items

If you have any items which need charging, and you are old enough to be allowed to plug them into charge make sure you always plug them in carefully.

Only charge items when you are awake.

If you have a mobile phone, never leave it in your bed or under your pillow whilst you sleep.

Always use the correct charger for the item ie your phone, tablet, switch etc

In an emergency

If the smoke alarm sounds:

- Get out – make sure you know your fire escape plan
- Stay out - until an adult tells you it is safe to return inside

Call 999 – give the address of where help is needed and what the problem is.

If you have a mobile phone, consider downloading what3words so you can give an accurate location, this is very useful if you need help outside. .

Look out for more safety advice and prize draw safety quizzes from the fire and rescue service throughout the year.

Stay safe and have a great time at school

Thank you, from the firefighters of Dorset and Wiltshire



Head Boy and Head Girl

Owl Class held their Head Boy and Head Girl presentations on Wednesday 16th September. All the children who delivered their presentations did a fantastic job – well done! Following the elections we are pleased to announce that Ashton is our new Head Boy and Elodie is our new Head Girl; congratulations to you both. Congratulations also to Charlie and Isabelle who have been elected as Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl.

